

**Budget & Finance Committee
Regular Meeting
August 16, 2006 – 8:30 a.m.
Tribal Office Board Room**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call-

Committee Chairperson Ann Marie Johnson called meeting to order at 8:43 a.m. Those present: Stephanie Awonohopay, Ken Fish, Jeremy Weso, Dan Maine, Harold Wilkes and Kathy Kaquatosh. Jamie Loudbear-Wayka was absent. Also present: Jennifer Gauthier, Annette Westphal, Todd Every, Lynette Miller, Mary Husby, Rosemund Hoffman, Shawn Klemens and Dave Grignon.

2. Moment of Silence-A moment of silence was observed.

3. Election of Officers-

Chairperson Johnson opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Motion made by Ken Fish to nominate Stephanie Awonohopay for Vice-Chairperson. Motion was seconded by Dan Maine. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

There were no other nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

Stephanie Awonohopay is the Budget & Finance Committee Vice-Chairperson.

Chairperson Johnson opened the floor for nominations for Secretary.

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to nominate Ken Fish for Secretary. Motion was seconded by Dan Maine. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

There were no other nominations for Secretary.

Ken Fish is the Budget & Finance Committee Secretary.

4. FY 2006 Tribal Budgets-

Jeremy Weso informed the committee that there are a couple of departments that are going to be overspent and there may also be some departments that are under spent. Right now there is a problem with the Serenic computer program and he is unable to retrieve the information needed to whether or not there will be a shortfall.

No discussion, no action taken.

Harold Wilkes arrived at 8:55 a.m.

5. FY 2007 Budget Review and Recommendations-

Jeremy informed the committee that he and his staff went through the budgets and prioritized them according to the Policy on the Budget and Appropriations Process and also made recommended budget cuts.

Kathy Kaquatosh arrived at 9:00 a.m.

Committee reviewed the document and there was a lot of discussion and disagreements with the prioritization. Jeremy informed the committee that there was also a disagreement between his staff on how certain departments should be prioritized and let the committee know that the document is not set in stone and things can be changed if the committee so desires but him and his staff followed the Policy when creating the prioritizations.

Committee tried to re-prioritize the departments but were not really making any head way and a comment was made that Administration did the prioritizing according to the policy and since there wasn't any major disagreements with the document it should be sent to the Menominee Tribal Legislature. Some committee members felt that the Legislature will make their own changes to the document anyway so why take hours re-doing it.

Motion made by Harold Wilkes to adopt the recommendations by Administration as presented and forward to the Menominee Tribal Legislature for approval. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-abstentions (Fish and Awonohopay), 1-absent. Motion carried.

Jeremy wanted to note for the record that Administration did their job and they met all the budget deadlines. Dan Maine and Ken Fish concurred and commended Administration for the amount of effort put into the documents.

After another lengthy discussion committee asked Harold what his intent with the previous motion was. Harold stated that his motion was to send the whole document to the Menominee Tribal Legislature. Committee members thought Harold was making a motion to approve the prioritization and not the recommended budget cuts.

Committee discussed the budget and amount by which the budget is over the amount of revenue projected.

Motion made by Dan Maine to use the earnings from judgment funds for Probation, Recreation, Burial and Education Supplement for FY 2007. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 2-for, 3-opposed, 1-abstention, 1-absent. MOTION DEFEATED.

Committee members are hesitant to make motions using judgment fund interest to offset the budget because in past years it has been turned down even though every year Jeremy tells the Legislature that when the judgment fund policy was created

one of its intended uses was to cover budgets. Stephanie Awonohopay stated that in the past the Legislature shot it down because they felt that just because there is a pot of money there it doesn't need to be spent right away. Let it build up for a couple of years and then tap into it.

Committee members decided that before anything can be done with the budget they need to know if the Legislature is going to approve the use of judgment fund interest and state compact money. If the legislature doesn't use those funds the budget will be over \$1,000,000 over the amount of projected revenue and the committee would like Legislative direction on either where to come up with that money or what departments or positions will need to be cut.

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to use judgment funds in the development of FY 2007 Tribal Budget consistent with the plan requirements. Motion was seconded by Dan Maine. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 1-opposed (Awonohopay), 0-abstention, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Stephanie Awonohopay to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature to utilize the State Compact Funds for deferred care and that the dollar amount will be determined by September 2006. Motion was seconded by Dan Maine. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Committee discussed the funding of new programs and would like Legislative direction.

Motion made by Stephanie Awonohopay to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature that the Budget & Finance Committee entertain FY 2007 new funding requests only after priorities 1, 2, 3 and 4 departments have been addressed in the tribal budget process. Motion was seconded by Dan Maine. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Committee would like another meeting set for as soon as possible and decided on Monday August 21st and Wednesday August 23rd both at 8:30 a.m.

6. Adjournment-

Motion made by Stephanie Awonohopay to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Dan Maine. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.